

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/770,214

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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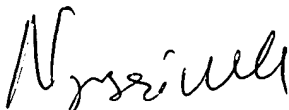
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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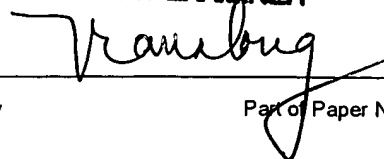
4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/05/05; 2/17/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In response to the Office action dated October 18, 2006, and further to the amendments filed February 17, 2006, applicant's amendments and remarks have been reviewed and respectfully considered.

Based on a response to the Office action filed December 3, 2004, and further to the amendments filed June 03, 2005, as discussed on page 14 through 16 of applicant's amendment and arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 13-24 and 27-28 were found persuasive, and were allowed for the reason an independent claims 1, 3, 15 and 17 each of those claims recite a compressing unit/means that switches between compressing only a portion of scanning lines of each of obverse and reverse image data, respectively, until all of scanning lines of the obverse and reverse image data are compressed, and claims 2, 4 16 and 18 depend from claims 1, 3, 15 and 17, respectively are also Allowed.

With respect to independent claims 5, 8, 13, 19, 22 are also allowed for the reasons the prior art used against the claimed invention dose not teach or disclose the claimed invention of the application, and claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 20, 21, 23 and 24 depend from claims 5, 8, 13, 19 and 22 respectively are also allowed.

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With respect to claims 11, 12, 25 and 26 were rejected as indicated in the last Office action dated October 18, 2006, these claims are also allowed for the same reason the prior art searched and of the record does not teach or disclose the claimed invention as discussed in the applicant's response.

Therefore, claims 1 through 28 have been allowed for the reason noted above.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Negussie Worku whose telephone number is 571-272-7472. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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